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EVACUATIONS/AMERICAN CITIZEN ISSUES

¶1. (SBU) Since February 9 at 2000 EST, 88 American evacuees and family members have departed Port-au-Prince on seven flights bound for Charleston and Miami; a total of 16,218 have been evacuated to date. There are currently 45 evacuees at the airport. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince Sitrep)

¶2. (SBU) As of February 9 at 2000 EST, there have been no additional confirmed American citizen fatalities. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince Sitrep)

¶3. (SBU) There was a 4.0 magnitude aftershock on February 9 at 1744 EST, 23 miles west of the capital. One minor injury was reported in Port-au-Prince. (TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince interagency call)

¶4. (SBU) Sixty-six Haitian adoptees departed Haiti en route to the U.S. on two flights February 9. USCIS estimates there are up to 23 potential adoptees who are eligible to depart Haiti en route to the US as soon as GOH approval is secured. (TF1/CA call, TF1/Embassy Port-au-Prince Sitrep)

HUMANITARIAN UPDATE

15. (SBU) The lead NGO at one fixed distribution site in Port-au-Prince has suspended distributions for the second time this week, due to unresolved issues with local authorities. At two other fixed distribution sites, lead NGOs are increasing February 10 targets to compensate. (TF1/USAID Sitrep #52)

16. (SBU) UNICEF and WFP conducted a pilot supplementary feeding program at two Port-au-Prince settlements February 9 for children under five years, as well as pregnant and lactating women. (TF1/USAID Sitrep #52)

17. (SBU) Haitians can now call a free mobile number to receive updates on Red Cross and Red Crescent work to stop the spread of diseases in camps for displaced persons. Updates include a measles vaccination campaign and efforts to prevent acute diarrhea. An SMS is being sent out to 1.2 million Haitians to inform them of the service. (DHS e-mail)

18. (SBU) On February 10 relief agencies plan to reach an additional 175,000 beneficiaries through distribution at 15 of 16 sites. (TF1/USAID Sitrep #52)

MEDICAL RESPONSE

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19. (SBU) The WHO halted free drug deliveries to NGOs and private hospitals February 9 following reports patients were being charged for treatment. (DHS e-mail)

SECURITY/INFRASTRUCTURE

110. (SBU) A top UN official urged Haitians to turn in escaped criminals but said the security situation remains stable. (Reuters)

POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

111. (SBU) Leaders of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) approved \$100 million fund to help quake victims in Haiti February 9. The Inter-American Bank will also extend a \$200 million loan to Haiti on soft terms. (SES-O Morning Press Highlights)

112. (SBU) Haiti's Minister of Justice and the Director of Civil Defense agreed in principle for the USG to conduct exhumations to recover the remains of American citizens at specific sites. However, they expressed concerns that U.S. government efforts could interfere with or delay ongoing GOH excavation and recovery efforts. (TF1/ Embassy Port-au-Prince e-mail)

OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

113. (SBU) Unified Coordinator for Disaster Response in Haiti, Ambassador Lewis Lucke, and USAID officials are scheduled to meet President Preval the afternoon of February 10. USAID meetings will focus on relocation of GOH offices, rubble removal, and population resettlement. (TF1/USAID e-mail)

114. (U) Additional updates are available through our Intellipedia portal on the unclassified system at: http://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Portal:Crisis_Haiti_Earthquake.

¶15. (U) Minimize considered.
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